

2025 Holocaust Writing & Art Contest Guidelines

Eligible Participants: 7-12th grade Wisconsin students

Submission Deadline: Friday, March 14, 2025 at 11:59pm CST

Prompt: *“To forget would be not only dangerous but offensive; to forget the dead would be akin to killing them a second time.” -Elie Wiesel*

Why is it important to remember the Holocaust? How can remembrance shape our understanding of the past and influence the future?

Format: Original writing or art entry may be one of the following:

- Essay (not to exceed 3 pages, single spaced)
- Poetry (single poem or collection of poems, not to exceed 3 pages, single spaced)
- Short story (not to exceed 3 pages, single spaced)
- Film/video (maximum length: 5 minutes)
- Visual art (painting, drawing, collage, digital art, etc.)
- Sculpture
- Comic Book
- Podcast/Social Media (maximum length: 5 minutes)

All works must be submitted digitally. Other than poetry, entries are limited to a single object (sculpture entries may include up to four images from different angles).

Artist's Statement: All entries must include an artist's statement, 50-200 words, in which you identify your inspiration for the piece and the takeaway you would like the audience to have. Entries will not be judged without this statement.

Judging Criteria: Each entry will be judged with the following criteria in mind and using this [scoring rubric](#):

- Offers a clear lesson from the Holocaust and connects it to present day
- Presents accurate historical facts
- Reflects artistry and skill
- Demonstrates originality and creative representation of the theme

Prizes: There will be 4 grand prize winners, two in the writing category and two in the art category. These 4 grand prize winners will be taken to Washington DC to visit the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Teachers of the 4 grand prize winners will receive a \$100 gift.

All winners will be featured on the website of the Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center and in the Milwaukee Jewish Chronicle.

Instructions: Submit the writing or art via the [submission form](#) by Friday, March 14, 2025, at 11:59pm CST. Please make sure submissions do not contain any identifying information for the student, teacher, or school.

More Information: Contact Jennifer Koss, Education Coordinator at the Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center at 414-963-2711 or jenniferk@milwaukeejewish.org.